

GOVERNOR'S RECORD ON PRISON REFORM

March 2004: Governor Schwarzenegger Called For An Independent Review Of California's Prisons, Led By Former Governor Deukmejian, Just Four Months After Taking Office. "Governor Schwarzenegger today announced former Governor George Deukmejian will chair an Independent Review Panel (IRP) designed to expedite fundamental reform within California's youth and adult correctional systems. The IRP will investigate and make recommendations on ways to improve practices within the adult and youth corrections system including, but not limited to: overall organizational structure; risk management practices and policies; personnel and training programs; operational improvements; cost benefits in service and program delivery; productivity and performance enhancements; and organizational ethics and culture." (Office Of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, [Press Release](#), "Governor Schwarzenegger Announces Governor Deukmejian will Lead an Independent Review Panel for Corrections Reform," 03/05/04)

November 2004: The Governor Paved The Way For Youth Prison Reform. "The Governor approved the filing of an agreement with the state court in the *Farrell v. Allen* case that will bring about significant reforms within the state's troubled youth correctional system." (Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, [Press Release](#), "Governor Schwarzenegger Announces Settlement In CYA Case," 11/16/04)

January 2005: Governor Schwarzenegger Proposed To Streamline Corrections By Creating A New Department Of Corrections And Rehabilitation And Introducing A "Sweeping" Reform Plan. "On Thursday, officials revealed the fine print of Schwarzenegger's sweeping plan, which would topple the old, multi-pronged management structure and replace it with a Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. The plan was accompanied by a vision statement that, among other things, proposes to reduce crime by better preparing parolees to go straight -- increasing, for example, the amount of education, job training and other help they receive behind bars." (Jennifer Warren and Tim Reiterman, "State Plan To Reform Prisons Is Laid Out," *Los Angeles Times*, 1/07/05)

➤ **The Governor Submitted His Prison Reform Plan To The Legislature.** "Governor Schwarzenegger today submitted his plan to reorganize California's Youth and Adult Corrections Agency to the Legislature asking lawmakers to join his effort to reform the State's prison system. The plan, submitted to the Little Hoover Commission for review earlier this year, is a comprehensive approach to reorganizing the corrections system. It is designed to establish clear lines of reporting, accountability, responsibility and performance assessment that will improve services, reduce the likelihood of repeat offenses, and protect public safety at less cost to the people of California." (Office Of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, [Press Release](#), "Governor Schwarzenegger Submits Plan To Reform Youth Adult Correctional Agency To Legislature," 01/22/05)

May 2005: Governor Schwarzenegger Signed Youth And Adult Corrections Reform Legislation Into Law. ([SB 737](#), Romero, 05/10/05)

January 2006: The Governor Proposed Constructing Additional Prisons As Part Of His Strategic Growth Plan. "The Governor's Strategic Growth Plan creates a groundbreaking partnership between state and local agencies to manage the inmate population while providing for two new prisons, a new crime lab, emergency response facilities and space for 83,000 prisoners at the state and local level over the next ten years." (Office Of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, [Press Release](#), "Governor Schwarzenegger Proposes Strategic Growth Plan For California's Future," 01/05/06)

➤ **Governor Schwarzenegger: "We've Got To Build More Facilities, I Think That's The Key Thing."** "For his part, the governor recently told a news conference: 'I think the wrong approach is to go and say, 'Let's let some of them out because we are short on money.' ... I think people should be locked up if they're not safe and if they cause any threat to our people. 'But we've got to build more facilities, I think that's the key thing,' Schwarzenegger added." (Paige Austin, "Packed Prison System Close To 'No Vacancy,'" *The [Riverside] Press-Enterprise*, 6/21/06)

➤ **The Governor Introduced Legislation To Implement Prisons Component Of His Strategic Growth Plan.** "AB 1833 (Arambula, D-Fresno) - Places the Public Safety Bond Act of 2006 and 2010 on the ballot. Each ballot will ask the people to authorize \$2 billion to be used by local governments to expand the capacity of jails. In both 2006 and 2010 \$6 billion will be used for jail construction by combining the bond money with matching funds and other revenues, thereby increasing local capacity to 83,000 inmates.... The 2010 bond will include \$1.1 billion for increasing state prison capacity." (Office Of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, [Press Release](#), "Governor Schwarzenegger Introduces Legislation To Implement Strategic Growth Plan," 01/11/06)

June 2006: The Governor Called For A Special Session Of The Legislature To Address Prisons. (California State Governor's Office, "Gov. Schwarzenegger Calls Special Session Of The Legislature To Address Prison Crowding, Recidivism," [Press Release](#), 6/26/06)

➤ **The Governor Proposed To Expedite And Streamline The State Contracting Process To Implement Programs And Construct Additional Facilities.** "Expediting state contracting - The Governor is proposing legislation to expedite and streamline the state contracting process for implementing programs and construction of additional prisons and secure re-entry facilities." (California State Governor's Office, "Gov. Schwarzenegger Calls Special Session Of The Legislature To Address Prison Crowding, Recidivism," [Press Release](#), 6/26/06)

- **The Governor Proposed To Move 4,500 Non-Violent Females Out Of State Prisons Into Community Correctional Facilities To Create More Space For Male Prisoners.** (California State Governor's Office, "Gov. Schwarzenegger Calls Special Session Of The Legislature To Address Prison Crowding, Recidivism," [Press Release](#), 6/26/06)

October 2006: Governor Schwarzenegger Issued An Emergency Proclamation To Ease Prison Overcrowding By Contracting With Out-Of-State Correctional Facilities To Temporarily House California Inmates. (California State Governor's Office, [Press Release](#), "Governor Uses Executive Authority To Relieve Prison Overcrowding, Proclaims Emergency To Allow Inmate Transfer," 10/4/06)

December 2006: Governor Schwarzenegger Introduced A Comprehensive Prison Reform Package. "The plan would add 16,238 beds in state correctional facilities, build 45,000 local jail beds, set aside \$1 billion for 10,000 medical and mental health beds pursuant to the Receiver's plans, enact Jessica's Law, California's new landmark initiative to protect children against sex offenders, creates a sentencing commission, and realigns resources to ensure the worst criminals are not a threat to public safety." (Office Of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, [Press Release](#), "Gov. Schwarzenegger Unveils Comprehensive Prison Reform Proposal," 12/21/06)

The Governor Has A Record Of Commitment To Rehabilitation And Reducing Recidivism

During June Special Session, The Governor Proposed Establishing Transitional Facilities For Soon-To-Be Released Inmates And Parolees To Help Them Re-Enter Society. "Establishing local secure re-entry facilities- With a measure to relieve overcrowding and reduce the number of paroled inmates returning to prison, the Governor is proposing to create transitional local facilities where inmates about to be released would be detained. The facilities would be highly secured buildings that hold inmates and provide them with counseling services and other help to re-enter society safely and productively. The facilities would also serve as centers to confine parole violators for technical violations that would normally result in a short return to prison. Serious or high-risk parole violators would go back to prison, as they do now." (California State Governor's Office, "Gov. Schwarzenegger Calls Special Session Of The Legislature To Address Prison Crowding, Recidivism," [Press Release](#), 6/26/06)

The Current-Year State Budget Includes Over \$100 Million In New Money For Rehabilitation. "But the state budget he proposed this year and the Legislature just adopted includes more than \$100 million in new money dedicated to helping inmates straighten out their lives before they are released, which almost all of them will be." (Daniel Weintraub, Op-Ed, "Governor Has A Mixed Record On Prison Reform," *Sacramento Bee*, 7/6/06)

This Year's Budget Includes Approximately \$98 Million For Various Programs Aimed At Reducing Recidivism Among Adult Criminals. ("The 2006-07 Budget Package," California Legislative Analyst's Office, 6/27/06; "FY 2006-07 California Enacted Budget Summary," California State Department Of Finance, June 2006)

The Governor "Has Made A Huge Commitment To Improving The State's Youth Prisons" By Including "More Than \$50 Million In New Money" To Guarantee "Every Ward Receives Rehabilitation Programs." "The administration, as part of a lawsuit settlement, also has made a huge commitment to improving the state's youth prisons, and the budget includes more than \$50 million in new money meant to ensure that every ward receives rehabilitation programs." (Daniel Weintraub, Op-Ed, "Governor Has A Mixed Record On Prison Reform," *Sacramento Bee*, 7/6/06)

- **The Current-Year Budget Establishes A New \$10 Million Program Aimed At Helping Juvenile Parolees Re-Enter Society.** ("FY 2006-07 California Enacted Budget Summary," California State Department Of Finance, June 2006)

The Governor Has Increased Funding To California's Prisons

Since Governor Schwarzenegger Took Office, Funding For Prisons Has Increased By More Than 68 Percent. ("Governor's FY 2006-07 Enacted Budget," California State Department Of Finance, June 2006; "Governor's FY 2003-04 Final Change Book," California State Department Of Finance, 9/19/03)

- **The Current State Budget Provides More Than \$8.6 Billion For Corrections And Rehabilitation.** ("FY 2006-07 California Enacted Budget Summary," California State Department of Finance, June 2006)
- **California's 2003-04 Budget Spent Just \$5.1 Billion For Corrections.** ("Governor's FY 2003-04 Final Change Book," California State Department Of Finance, 9/19/03)

Governor Schwarzenegger Secured \$55 Million In The 2006-07 Budget To Expand The Basic Correctional Officer Academy. ("The 2006-07 Budget Package," Legislative Analyst's Office, 6/27/06)